CROYDON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11TH APRIL 2017:

President Richard West opened the meeting at 19.45 hours and welcomed the 13 members present. Following notices the meeting was held for the **Society Competitions.** The Society holds annual competitions. Entries are restricted to a single frame of nine or twelve pages and are assessed by the members present. These competitions are ideal for those who have never shown competitively, or as a practice run for entry at a Surrey Federation event. One learns much from the exercise of selecting, describing and explaining postal material to tell a story.

1. **The Silver Medal:**
   This is for 12 sheets on any philatelic subject. 40% of the marks are given for philatelic knowledge, 25% for presentation, 15% for condition, 15% for coverage of the subject and 5% for the judges' discretion.

   The **Silver Medal** was won by **Chris Hitchen** for his display on the **'Cancellation Machine Trials 1898-1914 in France'.**

2. **The Bronze Medal:**
   This is for a display of 9 sheets which are not of an advanced or specialised nature. Here 40% of the marks are allowed for presentation, 25% for knowledge of the subject, 30% for condition and 5% for the judges' discretion.

   The **Bronze Medal** was won by **Paul Elliot** for his display on '**Alderney'.**

3. **The John Burgess Thematic Trophy:**
   This is for an entry of 9 or 12 sheets. An introductory sheet is essential but can contain philatelic material. 10% of the marks are for the plan and its implementation, 30% for the development of the theme, 20% for presentation, 15% for subject knowledge, 10% for originality and 15% for condition.

   The John Burgess Thematic Trophy was won jointly by two members:
   - **Paul Elliot** for his display on '**The People's Republic of China – new themes of stamps after Mao Tse-tung'.**
   - **Graham Harker** for his display on '**SS Great Britain: Rescue & Restoration'.**

4. **The Brian de Burca Postal History Trophy:**
   This is awarded to the highest scoring postal history entry in the Silver Medal competition.

   The Brian de Burca Postal History Trophy was won by **Chris Hitchen** for his display on '**Cancellation Machine Trials 1898-1914 in France**'.

Following a vote of thanks from the President the meeting closed at 21.00 hours.

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Graham Harker, Honorary Assistant Secretary.